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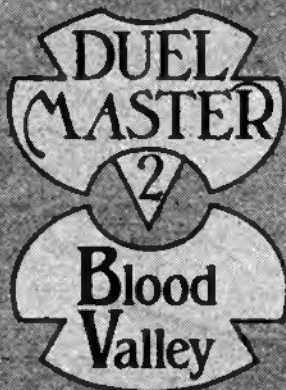
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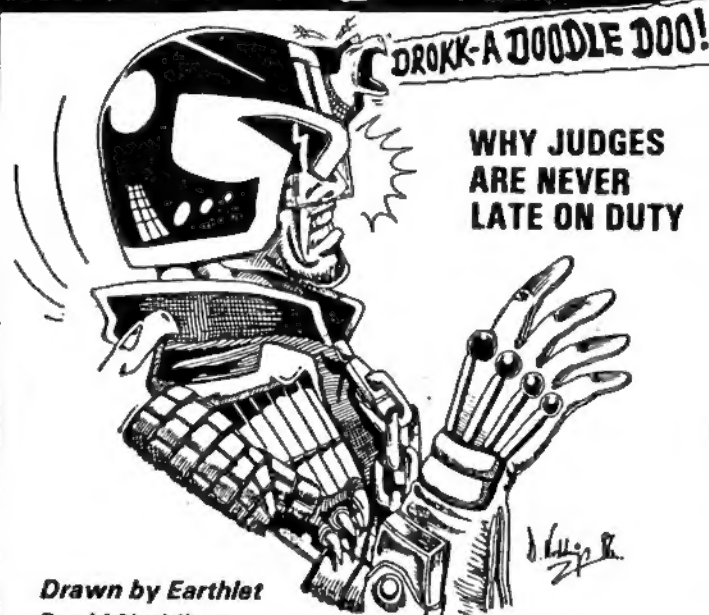
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MIDNIGHT ON NU EARTH,
WHERE THE LAST OF THE
GENETIC INFANTRYMEN
LIES IN AMBUSH...



OKAY, HAS
EVERYONE
GOT THAT?

YEAH,
YEAH...

THE BEAMERS
ARE GONNA COME
IN — AN' YOU'RE
GONNA GRAB ONE
OF 'EM AND TAKE
HIM OUT....

...AN' THEN WE WIPE
OUT OUR NEW ENEMY,
RESCUE THE GENIES,
SET UP A NEW PEACE
TREATY, AND LIBERATE
A FEW GALAXIES ON
THE WAY HOME — EASY!

...THEN YOU GET
INTO HIS SUIT, AN'
WE BEAM OUT WITH
THE PACK...

WHAT IF THEY
SPOT YOU CLIMB-
ING INTO THE
BEAMER'S
SUIT?

WHAT IF
THE GUY TAKES
A SIZE 28?

JUST BE SURE
YOU DO IT LIKE
BAGMAN
EXPLAINED...

JUST HOPE
BAGMAN GOT
IT RIGHT —

—THEY'RE
HERE!

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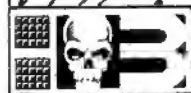
BEAM ME UP...







YOU'VE
KILLED ONE
OF THE GENIES?
THE ONLY MEN
WHO CAN
SAVE US?



3 SECONDS
TO BEAM OUT—
GET THAT SUIT
ON, ROGUE!



ONLY TWO
MEN KNOW HOW
TO MAKE US
WHOLE
AGAIN—

—AND YOU
JUST KILLED
ONE OF 'EM!



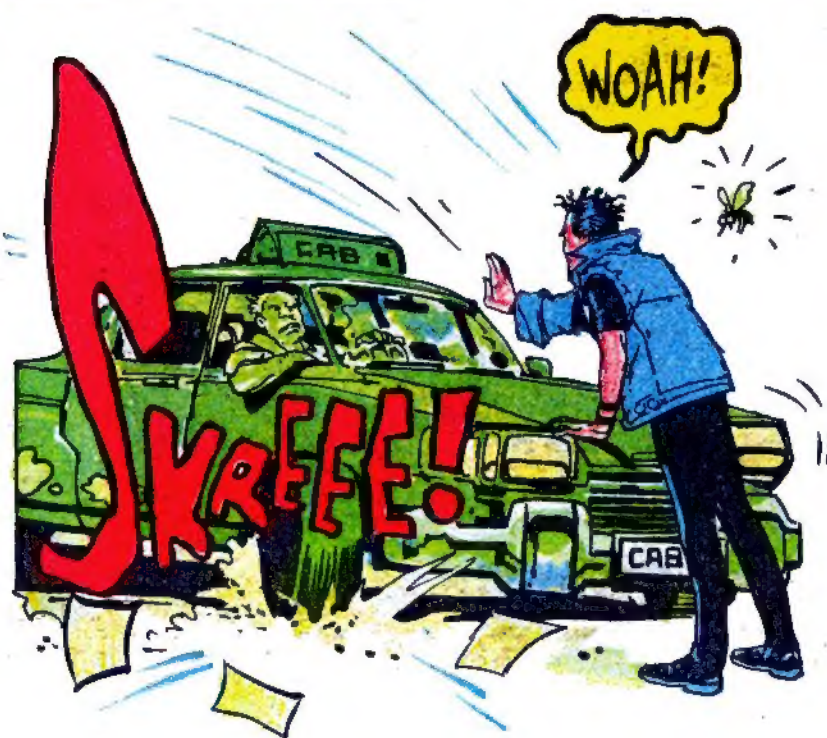
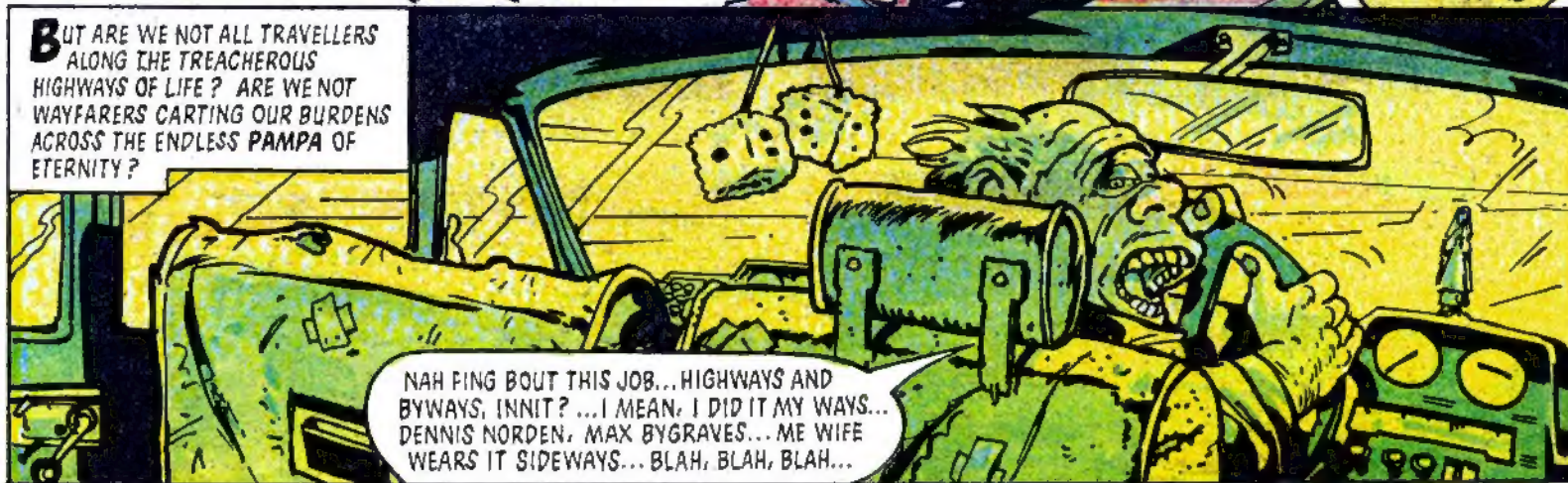
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Sláine

WE REACHED THE NEXT HOUSE OF THE ZODIAC... VIRGO, REPRESENTED BY AN ENORMOUS FIGURE OF DANU THE EARTH GODDESS IN HER THREE ASPECTS OF MAIDEN, WOMAN AND HAG...

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PAT MALLS
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COLLINS/TAMMER
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STEVE POTTER

D'YOU SEE THE HAG WITH HER BROOMSTICK, UKKO? THE WOMAN WITH HER AXE-HEAD? AND THE CORN-MAIDEN WITH HER WHEAT-SHEAF?

YES, UNDER THE HEAVENLY INFLUENCES THERE ARE TWO HARVESTS A YEAR HERE IN AVALON.

PERHAPS MY STAR SIGN WILL HAVE A SIMILAR BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON SLÁINE...

WHAT ARE THE VIRTUES OF A VIRGO? APART FROM BEING VIRTUOUS, THAT IS.

THE CORN'S TOO HIGH—I CAN'T SEE A THING!

OH, WE'RE VERY POETIC... ROMANTIC... CARING... DUTIFUL... KIND... GENTLE... SYMPATHETIC...

H'MM... I THINK YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS WITH THIS SIGN, SLÁINE.



A STRANGE GIRL,
TATTOOED WITH
CELESTIAL SIGNS,
EMERGED...

THE CORN-
MAIDEN!



LET'S SEE WHO'S
INSIDE THE OTHER
DOLLIES!



AAAHHH!



UUUHH!



THERE IS NO TASK
FOR YOU HERE, SLAINE.
YOU ALREADY PASSED IT
WHEN WE MET IN THE
OTHERWORLD*

OH, BUT
I THOUGHT
I...



*SEE DICEMAN 4 - 'THE RING OF DANU'.

YES...? YOU
THOUGHT WHAT,
NEST...?

NOTHING.



BUT THERE IS A
NEW TASK FOR YOU,
SLÁINE, AT THE
NEXT SIGN IN THE
HEAVENLY GIRLDE...
THE SERPENT.*

YOU
TWO WILL
WAIT
HERE FOR
US.

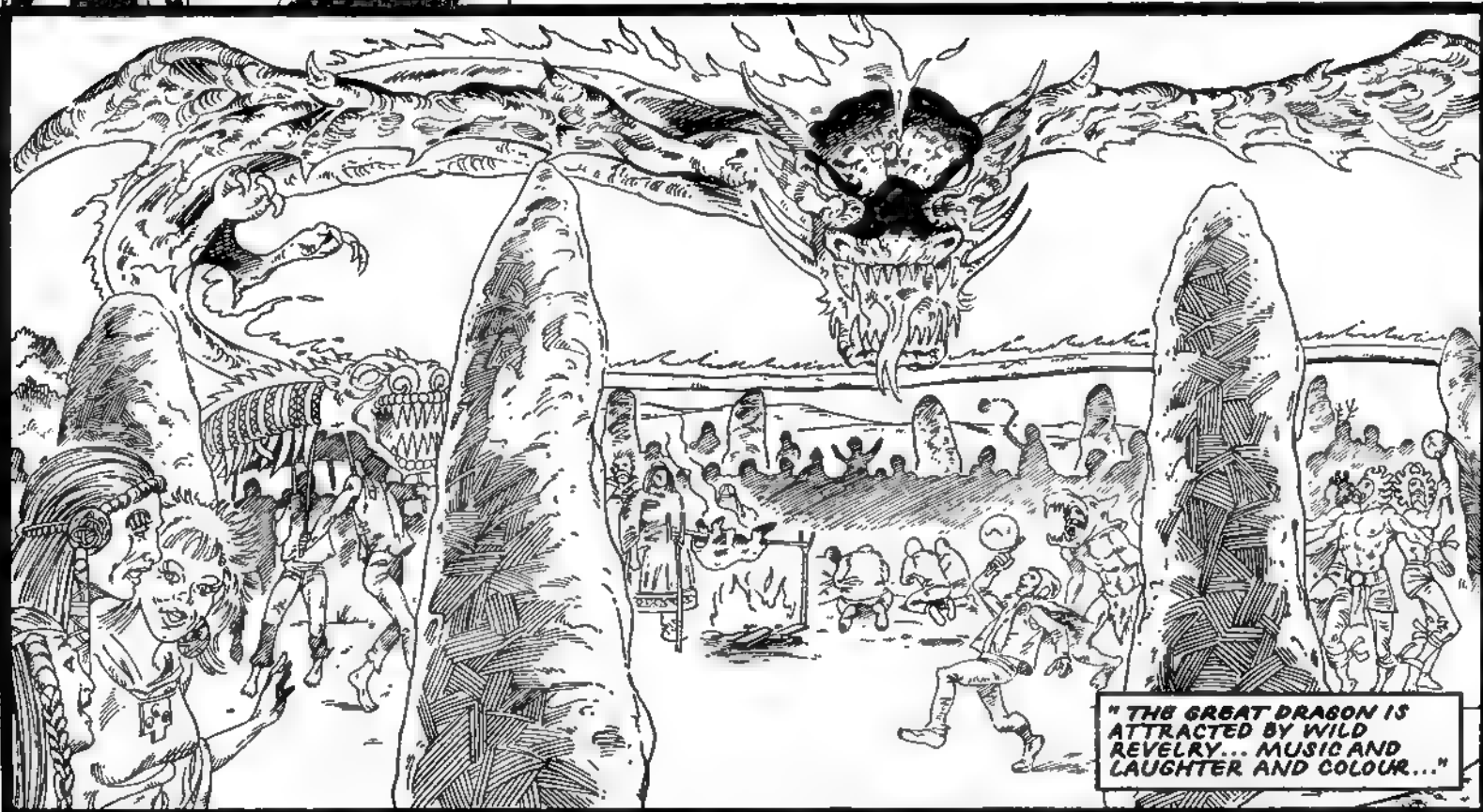
NO, SLÁINE!
COME BACK! DON'T
LEAVE ME WITH THIS
UNSPEAKABLE
CRONE!

THE SERPENT WAS FORMED BY LONG
LINES OF FREE-STANDING WEIRD
STONES — 'MERRY MAIDENS'...

AS YOU KNOW,
AT THE GREAT FIRE
FESTIVALS, HUMANS
'RAISE THE SERPENT'
WITH PROCESSIONS
AND CHANTING AND
DANCING...

AYE, THE
OUTPOURING OF
EMOTION 'CHARGES'
THE STONES...

*THE SERPENT TAKES THE
PLACE OF SCORPIO IN THE
CELTIC ZODIAC.



"THE GREAT DRAGON IS
ATTRACTED BY WILD
REVELRY... MUSIC AND
LAUGHTER AND COLOUR..."



MEANWHILE...



SUDDENLY A FIERY
DRAGON LIT UP THE
SKY AS EARTH-FIRE
BLAZED ROUND THE
SPIRAL COILS OF THE
SERPENT...

SOTH!
ONE OF SLAINE'S
KISSES COULD
DO ALL
THAT!



YOU HAVE
PASSED THE
TEST... WEAR
THIS WHITE HORSE
—SYMBOL OF THE
EARTH MAIDEN
—AS A
REMINDER
OF ME.

GODDESS...



AS THEY REJOINED US... THE
THREE QUEENS OF ANNWN
BEGAN TO MERGE INTO ONE...

WE
SHALL MEET
AGAIN, SLAINE
... THE NIGHT
BEFORE YOUR
CORONATION...

AND
MAYBE
I'LL SEE
YOU AGAIN
THEN, UKKO
DEAR? HEH!

ANY
TROUBLE
WITH MEN,
GIRL—YOU
CALL ON
ME!



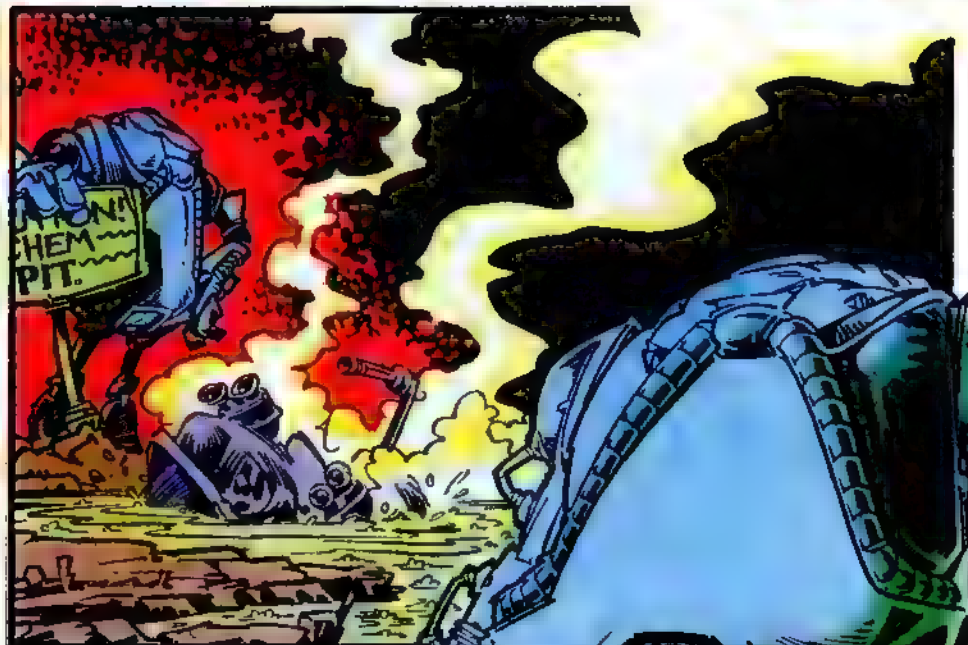
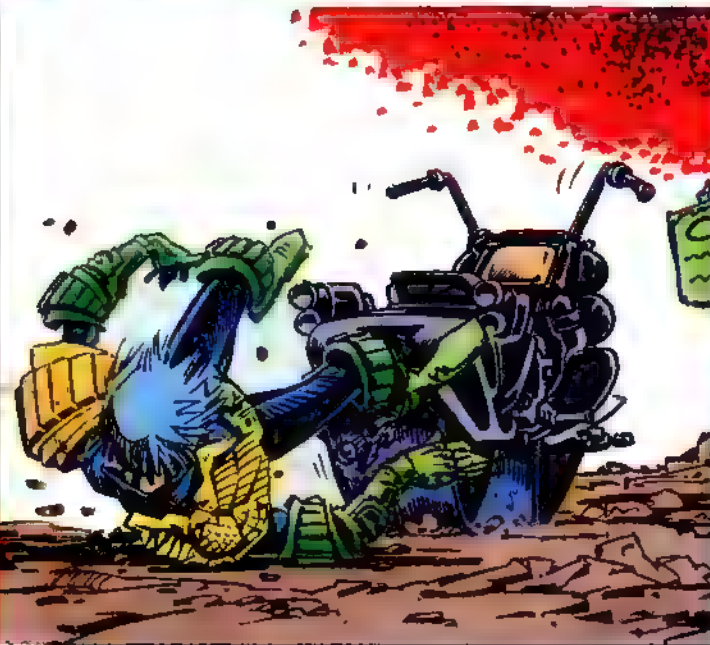
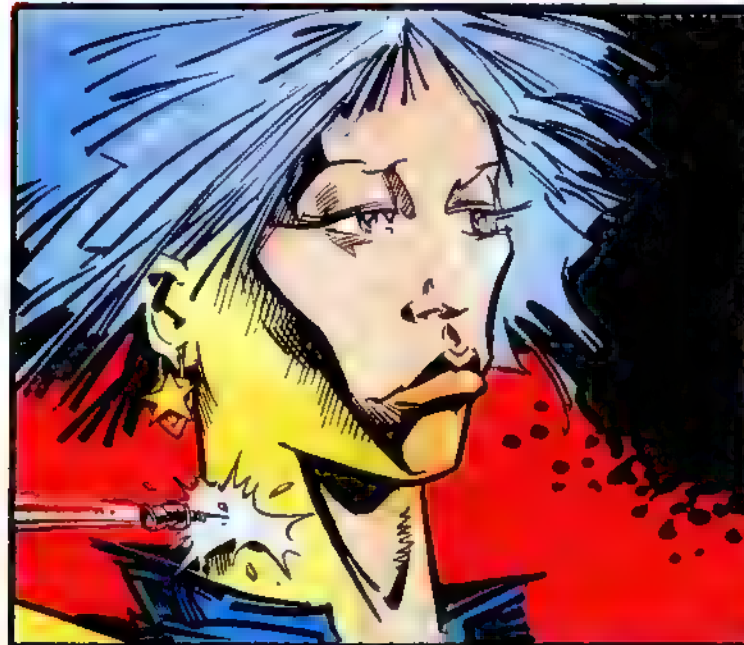
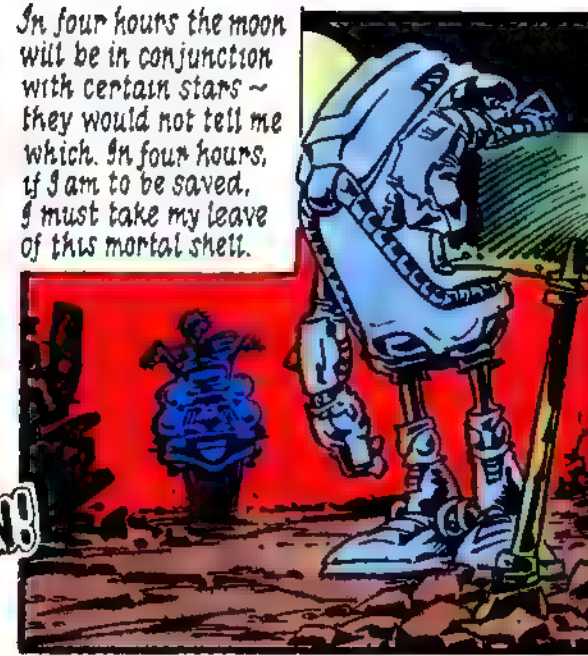
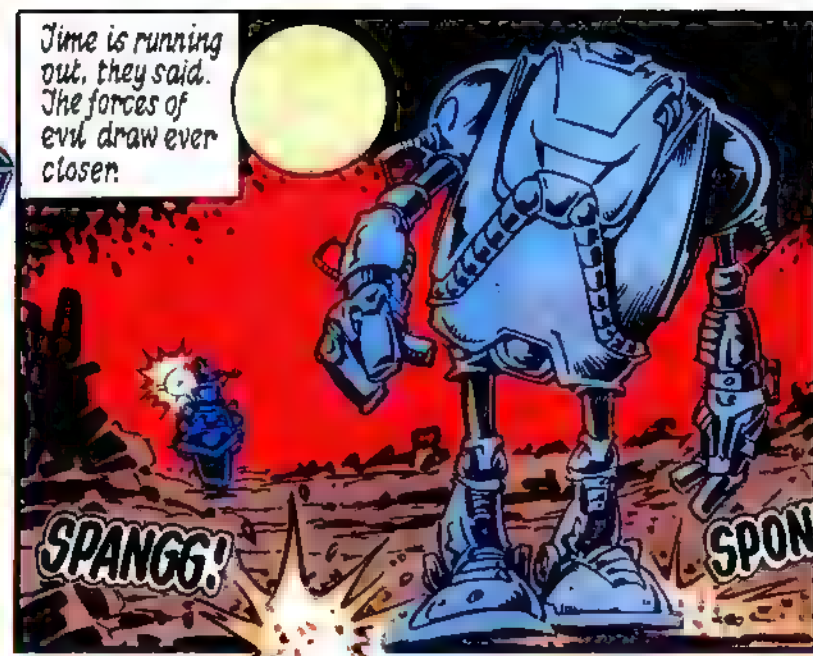
SO, UKKO DEAR...
HOW DID YOU GET
ON WITH YOUR
GODDESS?

I DON'T
WANT TO
TALK ABOUT
IT—ALL
RIGHT?

CAN
WE GET
ON? WE'VE
A LONG
WAY TO
GO!



NEXT—THE ARCHER
AND THE UNICORN.



JUDGE DREDD

With the Guardians beside me ~ yea! Even the slidewalks of Hell will hold no terror!

TOMB OF THE JUDGES!



TEN MINUTES AFTER AN
APB IS PUT OUT ON
JUDGE SALINA TRACE
HER LAWMASTER IS
FOUND —



HALF
EATEN AWAY...
IF TRACE IS
IN THERE,
THERE WON'T
BE MUCH
TRACE.

SHE'S NOT.



TRANQ DART
CARTRIDGE —
FOUND IT OVER
BEHIND THE
ROCK.



JUDGING BY THE TRACKS I'D
SAY SHE WAS CHASING ONE
OF THEM THROUGH HERE —
OTHER CREEP WAS WAITING
BY THE ROCK TO NAIL HER.

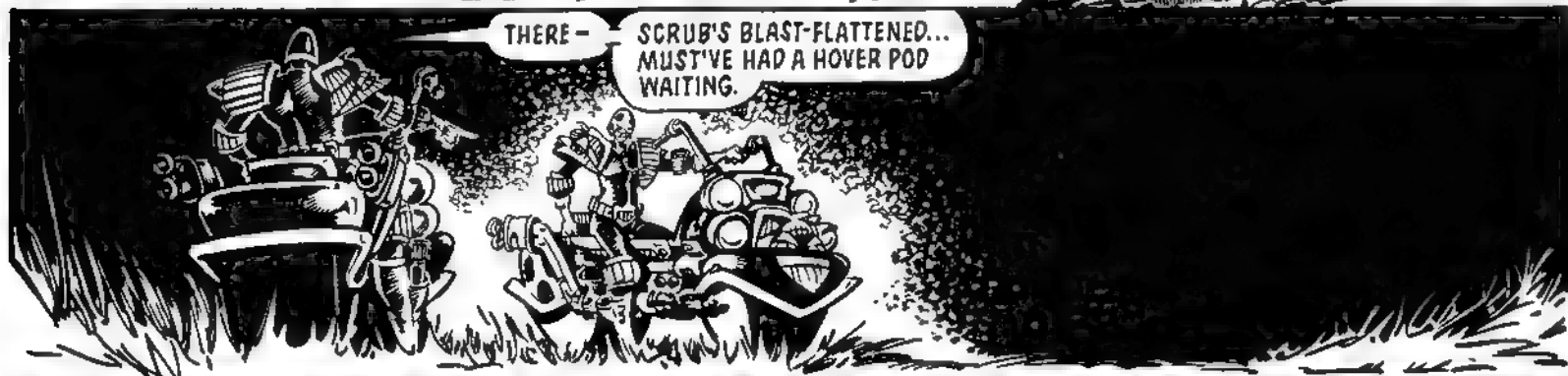


NOTICE SOMETHING ABOUT
THE FOOTPRINTS?

YEAH...ROBOT.

RIGHT.

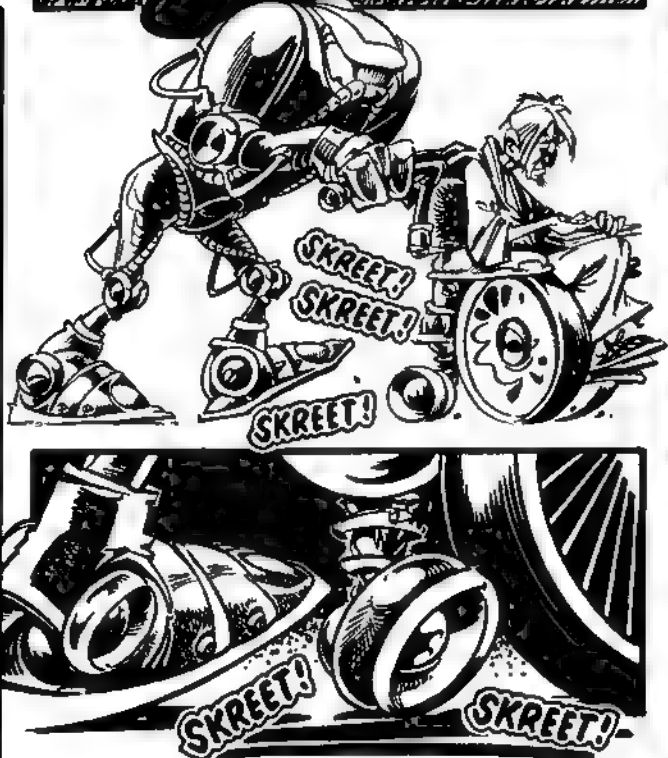




I have prepared a tomb in the manner of the ancients.

Deep, dark, hidden ~ safe from the enemies that howl around me like wolves.

None will ever find me there.



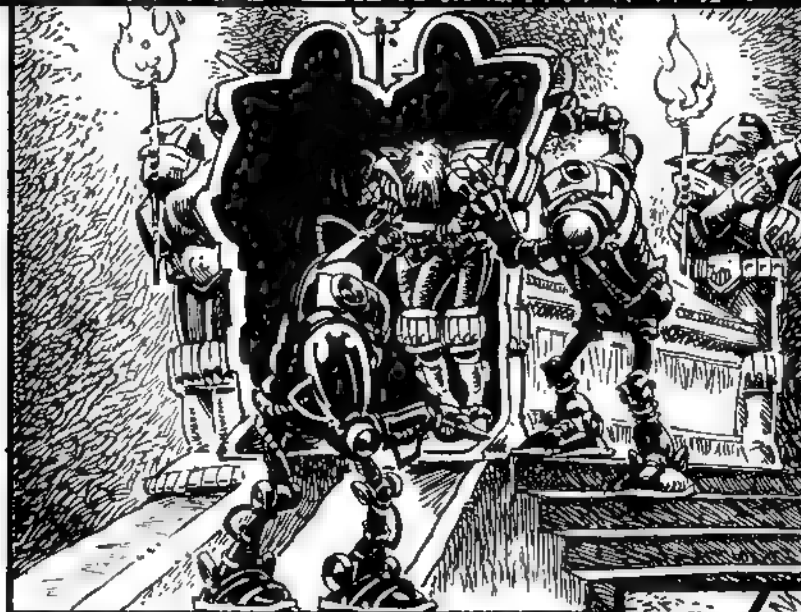
I have fashioned three sarcophagi,
where my Guardians may stand,
alert forever.



They are not dead.
Oh no ~ not yet...



UHNNNN



WH-WHAT
THE...?



ARE YOU CRAZY-
NO!



For has it not
always been thus?



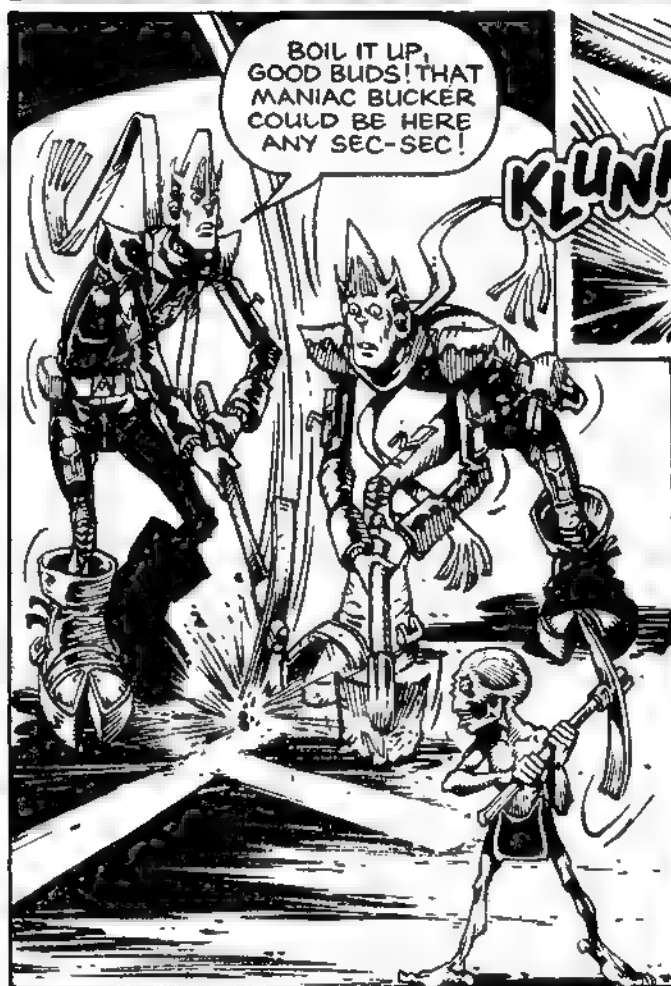
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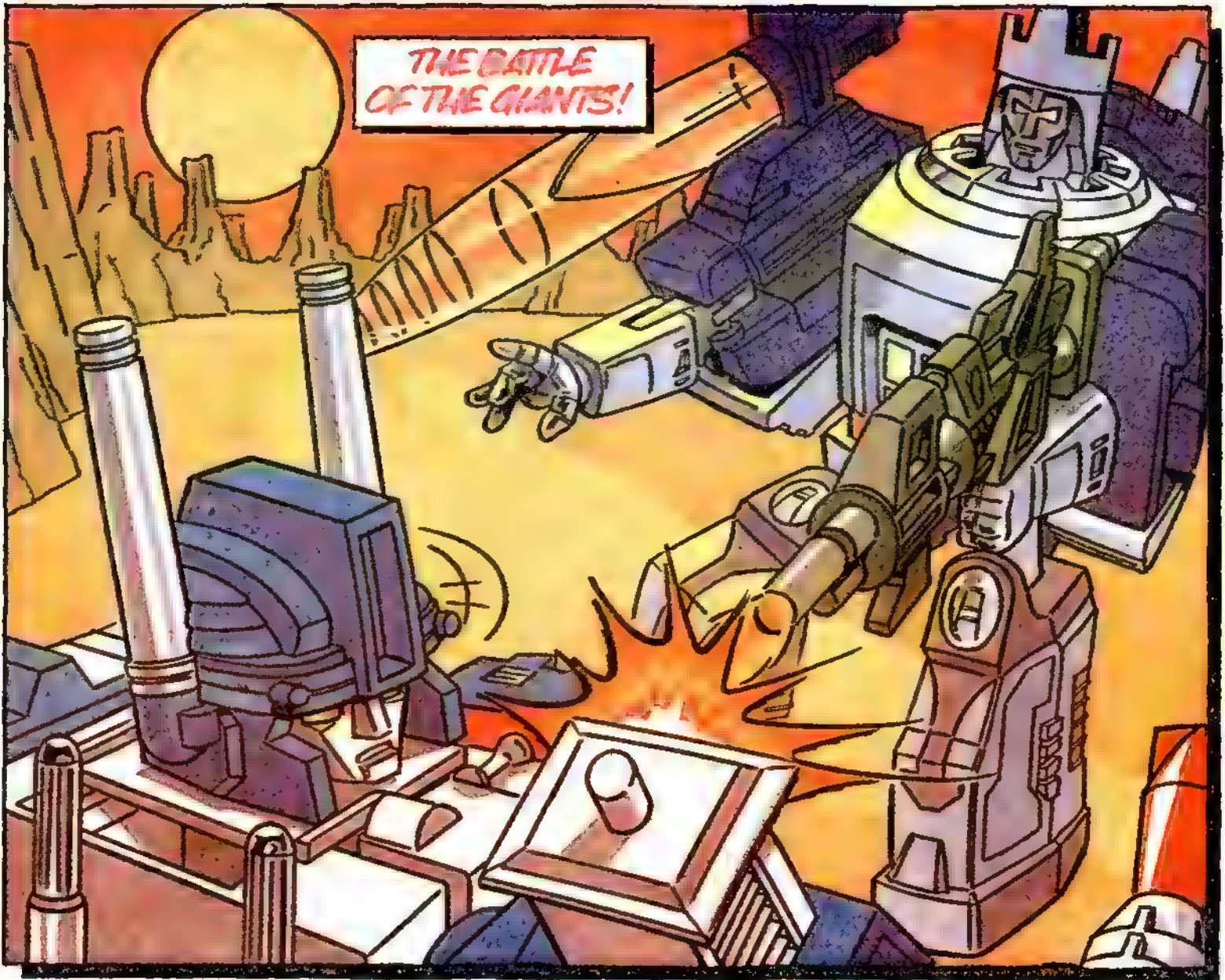
THE HOUSE ON HAUNTED HILL, HORRORVILLE — WHERE OUR HEROES HAVE COME IN SEARCH OF THE BURIED TREASURE OF MOVIEOLA —



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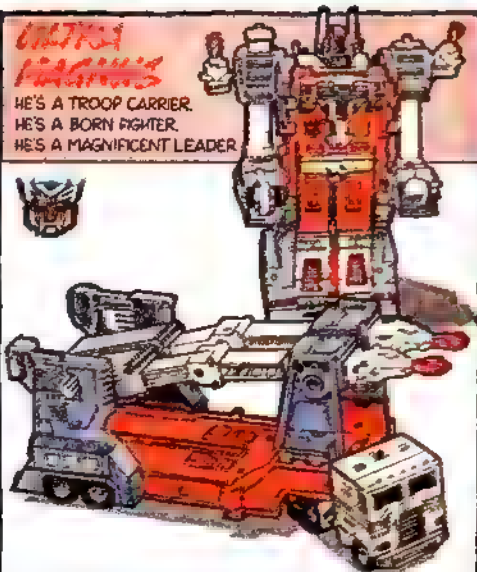


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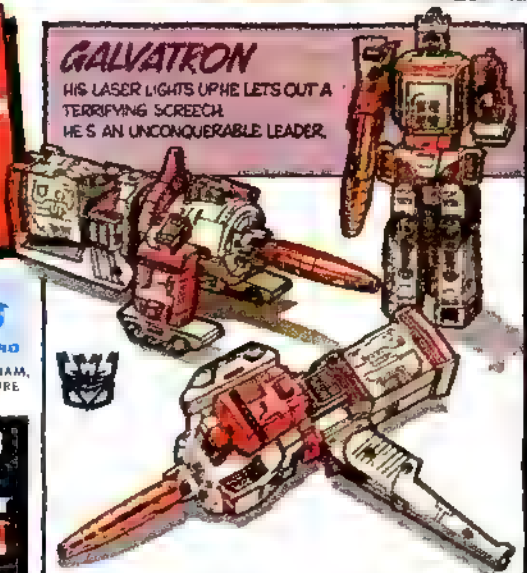


MYNRO
WOKINGHAM,
BERKSHIRE

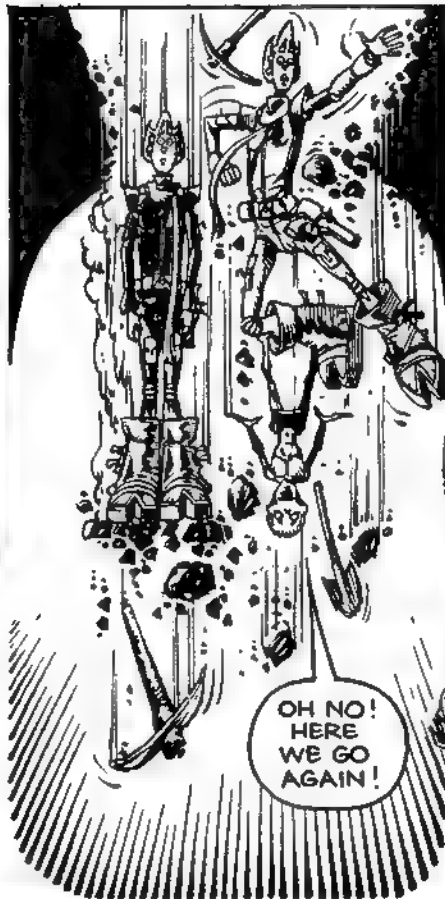
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THE FROGETT PLACE,
MAYGER MINOR.

ALPHA!

B-BUT YOU LEFT!
YOU TOOK THE
SHUTTLE. I
SAW YOU!

STRONTIUM DOG

INCIDENT ON
MAYGER
MINOR
PART 7

L-LISSEN, ALPHA!
LET'S TALK THIS
OUT!

TIME FOR TALK'S
OVER. I SAID I'D
KILL YOU...

GOT OFF IN
MAYGER CITY.
FIGURED YOU
WERE TOO STUPID
TO KEEP YOUR
WORD. HAD TO GIVE
YOU THE CHANCE,
THOUGH.

I WASN'T LYIN'.

AAAGH!

POPS!

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